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1. ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING REPORT IN THE MARCH 16
EDITION OF THE RAND DAILY MAIL THE SAG DOES NOT REPEAT
NOT PRESENTLY PLAN TO MODIFY EXISTING LEGISLATION REGARDING
SEPARATE EATING AND COMFORT FACILITIES IN COMMERCIAL
ESTABLISHMENTS, OFFICES AND FACTORIES.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: THE MINISTER OF LABOUR, MR FANIE BOTHA,
SAID YESTERDAY THAT REGULATIONS DEALING WITH SEPARATE FACILITIES
IN SHOPS, OFFICES AND FACTORIES WERE ADOPTED WHERE NECESSARY,
BUT THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NO REPRESENTATIONS TO HAVE THEM
AMENDED.

ASKED BY DR. ALEX BORAINÉ, PROGREF MP FOR PINELANDS, WHETHER
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HE INTENDED TO AMEND THE REGULATIONS, MR BOTHA SAID
REGULATIONS WERE DRAFTED AND, "WHEN NECESSARY, ADAPTED
IN ORDER TO ENSURE GOOD LABOUR RELATIONS BETWEEN THE RACES
AND TO OBVIATE FRICTION".

HE ADDED THAT NO REPRESENTATIONS HAD BEEN PLACED BEFORE
HIM TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE REPRESENTATIONS.

COMMENTING LATER, DR BORAINÉ SAID HE FOUND THE MINISTERS
REPLY ASTOUNDING. HE POINTED OUT THAT ABOUT 10 DAYS AGO,
THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR, DR CONNIE MULDER, HAD ANNOUNCED
HIS ACCEPTANCE OF THE SIX EMPLOYMENT GUIDELINES LAID DOWN
FOR AMERICAN COMPANIES OPERATING IN SOUTH AFRICA.

ONE OF THESE REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO THE INTEGRATION OF
FACILITIES FOR ALL WORKERS.

"IS THERE NO COMMUNICATON BETWEEN THE MINISTER OF LABOUR
AND THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR?" DR. BORAINÉ ASKED. END QUOTE.
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